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EAST GERMAN PLANT PRODUCES MODERN LIFTING MACHINERY; ANNOUNCES NEW MINING-EQUIPMENT PLANT

MAKES LIFTING EQUIPMENT FOR MINES, HEAVY INDUSTRY -- Berlin Export Echo, No 7

The ABUS Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Mining and Heavy Industrial Equipment in Halle/Saale produces modern lifting machinery for domestic use and export.

Among the ABUS equipment displayed at the last Leipzig Fair was modern drum conveyer, with a drum 3 meters in diameter, a gantry crane constructed in sections which can be shipped and mounted separately, wire-processing machines of various types, such as stranding, winding, and coiling machines, electrically operated wire reels (made by the Aschersleben plant), and an electrically driven cable winch of 25-ton capacity which is used for underground mining operations.

The Federation of People-Owned Machine Building Enterprises for Land Sachsen, with headquarters in Dresden, exhibited a newly constructed semiautomatic, high-powered wire-drawing machine with a four-way speed adjustment for drawing wire at rates of 8.6 to 17.2 meters per minute.

TO BUILD NEW MINING-EQUIPMENT PLANT -- Leipziger Nachrichten, 12 Aug 50

At present, there are three large enterprises in Leipzig for the manufacture of mining and heavy industrial equipment: the people-owned ABUS Steel Construction (formerly Mannesmann), the people-owned ABUS Leipzig Steel Construction and Galvanizing Plant (formerly Grohmann and Frosch), and the people-owned ABUS Iron Construction (formerly Patzschke), and belonging to the Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Mining and Heavy Industrial Equipment. It is now planned to build a fourth plant, which will probably be erected on the site of the former ATG or HASAG /both unidentified/ plant. According to Schulze, certified engineer, and chief of investment planning for the ABUS Federation, the new plant will employ 1,500 workers.

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BUILDS ALUMINUM-SMELTING FURNACES -- Berlin Export Echo, No 6, Jun 50

Novak and Company in Leipzig has developed a new aluminum-smelting furnace with a capacity of 20-1,250 kilograms of metal. If desired, the furnace can be built in sections, with facilities for operating the various sections at different temperatures. It is lined with special corrosion-resistant bricks and is equipped with a special gas generator which produces hydrogenfree gases from coke. The furnace can be constructed for either tapping or ladling.

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